GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CANCELLATION OF TRAINS AND CHANGE IN TRAIN ROUTES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Government had expressed its displeasure by objecting to the change in the route of different trains or their cancellation by Railways without taking the State Government into confidence,in the name of Bandh of Maoists in the concerned States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the basis of decision of cancelling of trains or changing their routes; and

(d) the level where the decision is taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a)& (b): In the past the Government of Jharkhand had requested Railway Authorities to desist from cancellation/diversion of trains on considerations of law and order without prior consultation with State Government officials whenever Bandhs are called by Left Wing Extremists.

(c)&(d): Based on review of threat perceptions that could possibly endanger life of passengers, Railway personnel and railway property, General Managers of zonal railways covering the state of Jharkhand had taken precautionary measures in the past to cancel/divert/reschedule trains that are suspected to be vulnerable from attacks by Left Wing Extremists.